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Dear Mr. Ashcroft:

I am writing to you today to express my support for the settlement reached between Microsoft and the Department of Justice last November. I believe the settlement is in the best interests of consumers, taxpayers, and the IT industry.

The settlement is fair in that it will benefit consumers and contains provisions that will preclude anticompetitive behavior. The settlement includes concessions that are unprecedented in antitrust litigation. Microsoft has agreed to disclose the application programming interfaces that are internal to the Windows' operating system. This information will now be available to Microsoft competitors.

Throughout this process, Microsoft has gone to great lengths to resolve this situation. I believe it is time that the issue is finally laid to rest.

Sincerely,



George Taniwaki

P.S. As a disclosure, I have been a long-time shareholder of Microsoft. I recently became an employee of the company as well.